

- 15 -

CLAIMS:

1. A support base for a computer, said support base comprising:
a support body having an upper surface, side walls supporting the upper
5 surface and a lower surface or edge;
retention means for retaining the computer on the support body; and
weight bearing means for carrying the support body above a supporting
surface.
- 10 2. The support base of claim 1 wherein the support body is dimensioned to
extend beyond an outer perimeter of an outer casing of the computer.
3. The support base of claim 2 wherein the retention means is a recess
15 formed in or on the upper surface of the support base.
4. The support base of claim 3 wherein the recess is dimensioned to receive a
lower portion of the outer casing of the computer.
5. The support base of claim 3 wherein the recess is defined by continuous
20 internal wall surfaces.
6. The support base of claim 5 wherein the internal wall surfaces may include
at least one rib sloping inwardly and downwardly to enhance contact with the outer
casing.
- 25 7. The support base of claim 3 wherein the recess is defined by a plurality of
vertical fingers.
8. The support base of claim 3 further comprising an anterior wall.
- 30

- 16 -

9. The support base of claim 8 wherein the anterior wall is formed integrally with the support body.

10. The support base of claim 8 wherein the anterior wall is formed separately
5 from the support body.

11. The support base of claim 10 wherein the anterior wall is removably engageable with the support body.

10 12. The support base of claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the anterior wall is hingedly connected to the support body.

13. The support base of claim 12 wherein the anterior wall is hingedly connected by a saddle and aperture coupling.

15

14. The support base of claim 8 wherein the anterior wall is continuous with opposed side walls returns.

15. The support base of claim 14 wherein an upper edge of the opposed side
20 walls slopes downwardly and backwardly.

16. The support base of claim 8 further comprising a cable shield positioned towards an end of the support body and which is spaced from the anterior wall.

25 17. The support base of claim 16 wherein the cable shield is removably engaged with the support body.

18. The support base of claim 16 or 17 wherein the cable shield is hingedly engaged with the support body.

30

- 17 -

19. The support base of claim 17 wherein the spacing of the cable shield from the anterior wall is adjustable.

20. The support base of claim 17 wherein the cable shield is engaged with the support body through pin and recess coupling.

21. The support base of any one of claims 16 to 20 wherein the cable shield includes at least one ventilation aperture.

22. The support base of claim 16 wherein the weight bearing means is a plurality of spaced feet.

23. The support base of claim 22 wherein the spaced feet are positioned, at least in part, outside an outer perimeter of the outer casing.

24. The support base of claim 23 wherein the spaced feet are formed as individual columns.

25. The support base of claim 24 wherein the spaced feet terminate in non-slip surfaces.

26. The support base of claim 24 wherein the spaced feet terminate in wheels.

27. The support base of claim 22 wherein the side walls of the support body define an internal cavity adapted to receive excess cables.

28. The support base of claim 27 wherein the internal cavity communicates with the rear of the computer through an access aperture.

29. The support base of claim 27 wherein the side walls have a plurality of apertures to provide ventilation under the support body.

- 18 -

30. The support base of claim 27 further comprising auxillary support means adapted to receive one or more of a web camera, a microphone, speakers and a disk drive.

5

31. The support base of claim 27 wherein the side walls flare outwardly.

32. The support base of claim 27 wherein the support base is formed from one or more of neoprene, nylon, carbon fibre material, acrylobutylene styrene and polycarbonate and perspex.

10

33. The support base of claim 32 wherein the anterior wall has a planar surface.

15 34. The support base of claim 27 further comprising illumination means for illuminating the anterior wall, and /or the posterior wall and/or the support base.

35. The support base of claim 27 further comprising at least one drainage aperture adapted to drain liquid from the upper surface.

20

{